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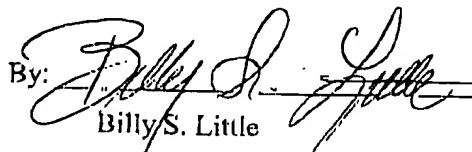
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1.   I am a co-inventor of record of the above-referenced application.

2.   My business address is set forth below, along with my signature.

3.   We actually reduced to practice, in the United States, the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application prior to April 3, 2001. This actual reduction to practice is evidenced by a computer program having routines encoded onto a compact disc for performing various claimed functions. A true and correct photocopy of a label affixed to a compact disc, which identifies the compact disc as having such routines stored thereon, is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The labeled disc of Exhibit A, among others, was encoded prior to April 3, 2001, with routines for performing the functionality described below. Particularly, as evidenced by Exhibits B and C, these routines include instructions for

performing the claimed subject matter, including discovering a computing device on a network, initiating a sensory identification event to identify the computing device, and configuring the computing device, among others. Consequently, these exhibits further evidence the reduction to practice of the invention disclosed and claimed in the present Application. See, e.g., Application, page 38, independent claim 1; FIG. 3; page 21, line 1 – page 24, line 21. A true and correct copy of a summary of a system embodying such functionality, which was generated prior to April 3, 2001, is entitled "Configuration Process" and is attached hereto as Exhibit B. Further, a true and correct copy of a screenshot of a graphical user interface presented during the operation of the program and configuration process noted above is attached hereto as Exhibit C. This screenshot was generated prior to April 3, 2001, and further evidences actual reduction to practice of the claimed invention via execution of the above-identified program prior to this date. Notably, as illustrated in the exemplary screenshot of Exhibit C, computing devices were discovered on the network and displayed in the graphical user interface. A discovered device was then identified via an initiated sensory identification event and configured through the graphical user interface.

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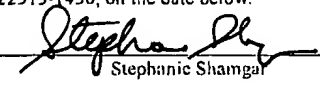
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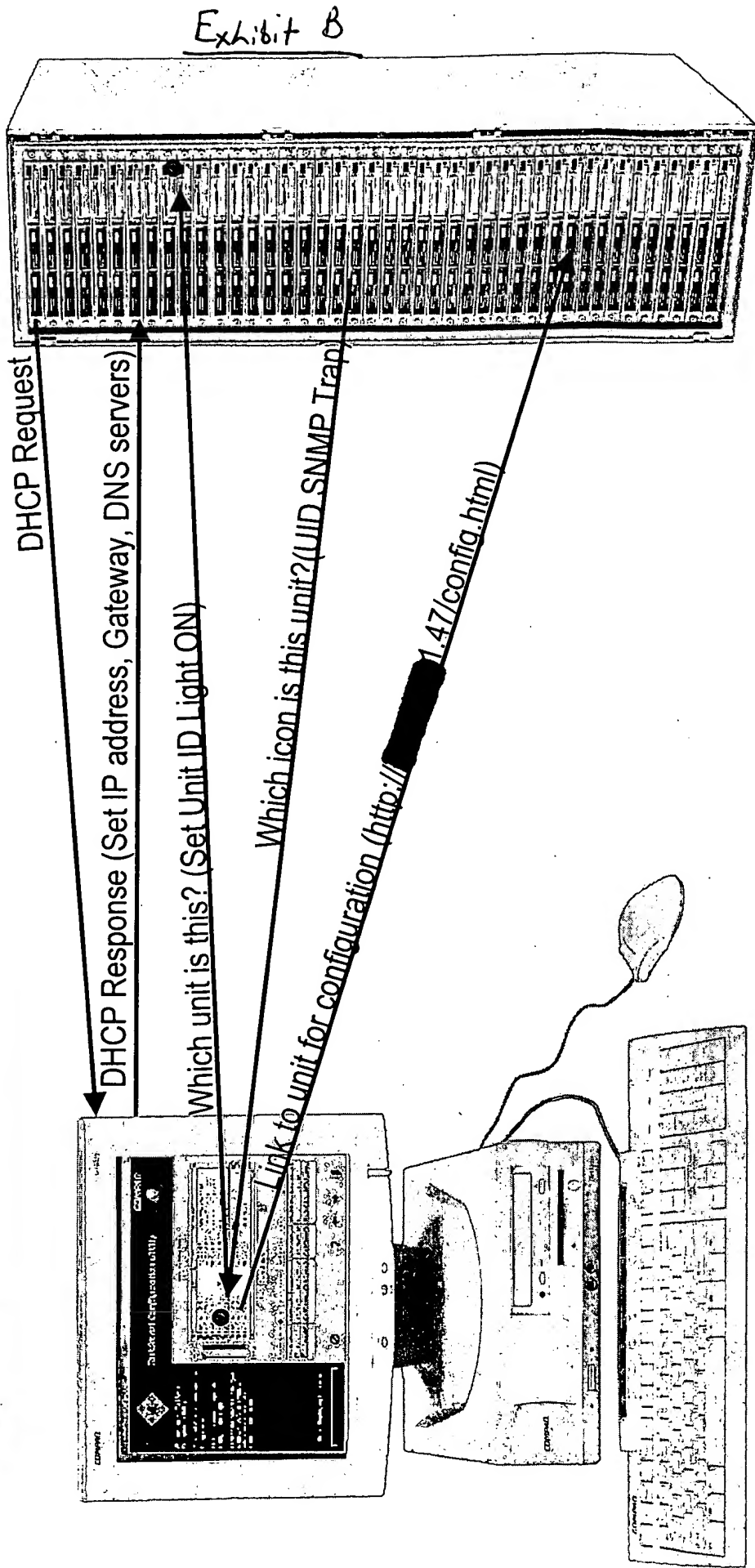
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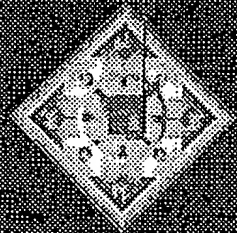   Houston, Texas 77070

Exhibit A

COMPAQ

TaskSmart

Server Appliance
Configuration Utility
Version 2.0
Build 70

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Exhibit B

Configuration Process

- DHCP Request
- DHCP Response (Set IP address, Gateway, DNS servers)
- Which unit is this? (Set Unit ID Light ON)
- Which icon is this unit? (UID SNMP Trap)
- Link to unit for configuration (http://1.47/config.html)

COMPAQ
Better answers

Exhibit C

COMPAQ

TaskSmart Configuration Utility

Device Detection

Welcome to the TaskSmart Configuration Utility.

Your TaskSmart servers are now being discovered.

Click on a server to open its configuration page.

Click on the cancel button if you want to specify an alternate subnet or create a data configuration diskette.

Faster

Slower

Type	UID	IP Address	Host Name
TaskSmart N2400		208.71	entapp10.cca.cpqcorp.net
TaskSmart C600		208.153	tasksmart06.cca.cpqcorp.net
TaskSmart C900		208.155	tasksmart04.cca.cpqcorp.net
TaskSmart EX00	○	208.168	webserver1.cca.cpqcorp.net
TaskSmart N2400		209.194	server.thanh.org
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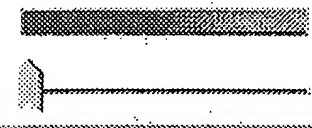
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